A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WAGES AND HOURS ON PUBLIC WORKS LAW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 104-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "\$104-22 Investigation; penalties. (a) The department
- 4 may conduct investigations to determine compliance with this
- 5 chapter. The department may enter the job site, examine records
- 6 of any contractor, either during or after the performance of any
- 7 contract, or subpoena the records. The department may also
- 8 interview employees during working hours on the job.
- 9 (b) If any contractor interferes with or delays any
- 10 investigation by the department, the governmental contracting
- 11 agency, on receipt of written notice from the director of the
- 12 interference or delay, shall withhold from the contractor all
- 13 further payments until the director has notified the
- 14 governmental contracting agency in writing that the interference
- 15 or delay has ceased. Interference or delay includes failure to
- 16 provide requested records under section 104-3; failure to allow
- 17 employees to be interviewed during working hours on the job; and

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- 1 falsification of records required under this chapter. The
- 2 department shall assess a penalty of \$10,000 per project for
- 3 interference or delay. For each day thereafter that the
- 4 employer fails to cooperate, the director shall assess a penalty
- 5 of \$1,000 per project.
- 6 (c) The names of all complainants shall be withheld from
- 7 the employer unless prior permission is given by the complainant
- 8 to release the complainant's name."
- 9 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Public Works Law; Complaints

Description:

Ensures confidentiality of a complainant in an investigation of wage and hour violations for public works projects. (HB952 HD2)

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